

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 08 beginning on line 03 with the following amended paragraph:

Each ceiling panel in that preferred embodiment depicted in the Figs. 1 through 6 hereof has two male side edges **(207)** and **(209)** and two female side edges **(203)** and **(205)**. One or more holes **(211)** exist in each flange portion of the said ~~male~~female side edges **(203)** and **(205)** to allow for the insertion of a screw or other affixing means by which the ceiling panel is affixed to a sheetrock ceiling.

Please replace the paragraph on page 05 beginning on line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

One preferred embodiment of the invention is depicted as a metal ceiling panel in Figs. 1 through 6 hereof, which provides the ability for the installation of a ceiling panel directly ~~into~~onto a sheetrock ceiling without the otherwise need for first installing a plywood surface or wood strips to the sheetrock ceiling.

Please replace the paragraph on page 08 beginning on line 01 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 6 depicts a cross-section of portions of two ceiling panels **(601)** and **(605)**, each of which is connected to the ~~depicts the~~an entire ceiling panel **(603)**.

Please replace the paragraph on page 09 beginning on line 01 with the following amended paragraph:

During and in the course of the ~~aferedescribed~~ aforementioned insertion procedure, the said protrusions and indentations [(403), **(405)**, **(407)**, **(409)**] of the said male interlock component feature of the invention **(401)** and the said protrusions an indentations [(503), **(505)**, **(507)** and **(509)**] of the said female interlock component feature of the invention **(501)** are temporarily plastically flexibly displaced or deformed, or both, to thereby allow for the said insertion, after which insertion the said protrusions and indentations return to their original shapes and forms.